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Total Sports Training and Gear Shop Manager Alex Garabedian, right, and personal trainer Kevin Busch take a break from their work at the new facility in December. The shop is now open at 25023 E. Appleway Ave.

The 'Total' package

New location allows business to grow retail, sports training services

By Jim Ryan

SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

A year after finding its footing in the community, Total Sports Training and Gear Shop has found a new home in Liberty Lake.

Owner Mark Funkhouser purchased the inventory and store fixtures of STIX Sports in Liberty Lake late in 2011 and began looking for a permanent home in the market that would allow the business to continue selling lacrosse and other sports gear and also expand its sports training operations. Funkhouser said after looking around Liberty Lake for about six months, he was able to find a site that offered a reasonable rent and was large enough to meet the requirements of a proper training and retail facility — located on the eastern edge of the city at 25023 E. Appleway Ave.

Funkhouser also operates a Total Sports facility in Buckley, on the west side of the state.

"We wanted to stay in Liberty Lake because we like the community," Funkhouser said. "There was already an established relationship from a retail store standpoint, and it's also a central location between our largest markets of Spokane

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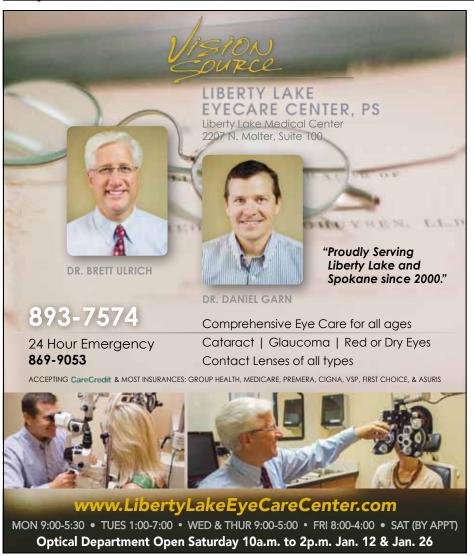
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Funkhouser explained that Total Sports is essentially aimed at youth performance, with its primary function being services aligned with improving sports performance.

"And so what we do is offer speed and agility and power training for athletes in primarily six sports: baseball/girl's fast pitch, basketball, football, lacrosse, soccer and volleyball," he said. "We have a staff of trainers that includes past collegiate athletes with degrees that align with that industry like exercise science and fitness and coaching certifications.

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COMMUNITY

Jan. 5 | Christmas Tree Pick-Up Boy Scout Troop 401 is picking up of trees for a \$10 suggested donation. To schedule a pickup: 888-541-1134 or troop401christmas@gmail.com

Recurring

Friends of the Liberty Lake Municipal Library 6 p.m. the last Tuesday of every month, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

Kiwanis Club of Liberty Lake 6:45 a.m. Wednesdays, Liberty Lake City Hall, 22510 E. Country Vista Drive. For more: www.libertylakekiwanis.org

Liberty Lake Centennial Rotary Club Noon Thursdays, Meadowwood Technology Campus Liberty Room, 2100 N. Molter Road

Liberty Lake Lions Club Noon on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month, Barlow's Restaurant, 1400 N. Meadowwood Lane. For more: 927-2193 or cheshierll@aol.com

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Liberty Lake Toastmasters 5:45 to 7 p.m. Wednesdays at the Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District building, 22510 E. Mission Ave. For more: 208-765-8657

Senior Lunch programs 11 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays at Liberty Lake City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive, and 11 a.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at Talon Hills Senior Complex, 24950 E. Hawkstone Loop. Seniors age 60 and older invited; recommended donation \$3.50.

CIVIC & BUSINESS

Jan. 18 | Chamber Business Connections Breakfast 6:30 a.m., Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan, Spokane Valley. Coffee and networking begins at 6:30 a.m., program 7 to 8:30 a.m. Cost is \$25 for members and guests and \$35 for non-members. For more: spokanevalleychamber.org

Jan. 26 | Gem of the Valley Gala 6 p.m. Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan Rd., Spokane Valley. Hosted by the Greater Spokane Valley Chamber, this semi-formal event includes dinner, silent auction and a celebration of two outstanding Businesses of the Year, Entrepreneur of the Year, Chamber Member Volunteer, Ambassador of the Year, District Educators of the Year and the Harry E. Nelson Citizen of the Year. Tickets: \$55 each or \$600 for table of 8. For more: 534-9142 or gemofthevalley@hotmail.

Feb. 9 | 12th Annual Eastern Washington / North Idaho Regional Lakes Conference

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Spokane Community College Lair - Student Union Building, 1810 N. Greene Street, Spokane. RSVP by January 31. To RSVP or for more: bijay@libertylake.org or 922-5443 ext. 230

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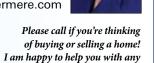


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First regular meeting for January to be held Jan. 8 (as opposed to New Year's Day)

Liberty Lake Municipal Library Board 6:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, 23123 E. Mission Ave.

Liberty Lake Planning Commission 4 p.m. on the second Wednesday of each month, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

Jan. 9 meeting cancelled, but special 4 p.m. meetings have been called for Jan. 23, Feb. 27 and March 27

Liberty Lake SCOPE 6:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month, City Hall, 22710 E. Country Vista Drive

Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District Board 4 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month, 22510 E. Mission Ave.

HEALTH & RECREATION

Jan. 6 | Frost Fest Volleyball Scrimmages 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave., Liberty Lake. A round-robin tournament that provides opportunity for teams to scrimmage other teams from the area. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

Jan. 8 | "Why Detox?" 6:30 p.m., Healthy Living Liberty Lake, 2207 N. Molter Rd., suite 203A. This free, informative seminar is open to the public. For more or to reserve a seat: 924-6199

Jan. 13 | WodWarrior CrossFit

Competition 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave., Liberty Lake. This competition for the Inland Northwest will host individual events for both novice and intermediate divisions. Cost is \$45/\$55 for competitors and \$5 for spectators. For more: www.wodwarriornw.com

Jan. 18 | Flip Fest Gymnastics 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., HUB Sports Center, 19619 E. Cataldo Ave., Liberty Lake. For more: www.hubsportscenter.org

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Police Report

The following calls for service and citations were reported by the Liberty Lake Police Department for the Dec. 17-24 and Dec. 24-31 reporting periods. The narrative report of arrests and incidents will return next week.

Calls for service (Dec. 17-24)

Alarm

Attempted theft

Burglary

Commercial vehicle inspection

Deceased person

Domestic violence

Failure to appear

Family fight

Juvenile problem

Malicious mischief

Property theft

Shoplifting

Suspicious person/circumstance

Threatening

Traffic accident

Traffic offense

Welfare check

Citations (Dec. 17-24)

License and plates required

Disabled parking

Change of address or name

DWLS

Liability insurance

Defective windshield wipers

Improper lane usage

Following too close

Speeding

Marijuana

Calls for service (Dec. 24-31)

- 1 Agency assist
- 1 Alarm
- Child abuse or neglect 1
- Citizen assist 1
- Drug possession
- 1 DUI
- 1 Family fight
- 1 Property theft
- Suspicious person/circumstance 1
- Traffic offense 1

1 Citations (Dec. 24-31) 1

- License and plates required
- 1 Attach of plate to vehicle
- Driving without license
- **DWLS**
 - Ignition interlocks Liability insurance
- Defective tail light
- Defective muffler
- Failure to yield to emergency vehicle

Obituary

Alyce Ryan

1931-2012

Alyce Ryan of Liberty Lake passed away Dec. 15, 2012, after a long illness.

Born in Missoula, Mont., on Sept. 29, 1931, she was the daughter of Melvin and Dorothy Gibbons. She was raised in Arlington, Wash., and graduated from Arlington High School. She was married for 47 years to the late John Ryan.

Alyce is survived by her daughters, Cathy Reese (Gary) of Virginia Beach, Va., and Diane Ryan of Kent, Wash.; her son, Steve Ryan of Liberty Lake; her brother, Donald Gibbons (Margit) of Silvana, Wash.; her grandchildren, Ryan Reese (Melissa) of Norfolk, Va., Kelly Kaufman (Evan) of Richmond, Va., and her greatgrandson, Calvin.

Her brother, Bob Gibbons, and her sister, Esther Adcock, predeceased her.

Alyce's gift was sewing, and she produced many unique gift items that she sold at one time at her gift shop in Sandpoint, Idaho. She lived at Liberty Lake for more than 50 years and was a member of the Beachcombers Garden Club and instrumental in starting the community senior lunch.

The family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at Valley Hospital for their professional and compassionate care during her recent stay in the hospital.

There will be a graveside service in October in Silvana. In lieu of flowers, donations to your favorite charity would be appreciated.

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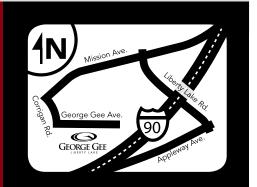
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Building community through baseball

LL native serving as Peace Corp volunteer in Ukraine

By Jocelyn Stott

SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

If you send it, they will come.

Indeed, "they" — Ukrainian youth — are already coming out to play baseball. Liberty Lake's Bailey Wolff, a Peace Corp volunteer living in Ukraine, is seeking some hometown help to keep the momentum going.

Wolff has found the game of baseball is a great way to engage a community. The only problem is, he only has a few whiffle and tennis balls, two baseball gloves, a flimsy aluminum bat and more young people showing up to play every day at a "soccer stadium" in the southeastern Ukrainian city of Zaporozhye.

Wolff says the field is more like a dirt lot with weeds surrounded by apartments and some gymnastics or jungle-gym-type equipment.

"None of the Ukraine I've seen has anything like Pavillion Park," he said. "But when kids hear the 'ting' of the bat, or 'beata' in Ukraine, they come over to see what it is. You can see in their eyes; they want to play."

He said some young Ukrainians open the windows of their apartments from the complex that overlooks the field in order to observe the game below, where kids propel tennis balls into the distance before running around bases improvised from Frisbees and t-shirts.

Because sporting goods for a relatively obscure sport in Ukraine are hard to come by, Wolff is hoping for hometown help in the form of some extra gear that will enable him to grow the game with the return of spring (see "Sending the gear" on this page).

Wolff played baseball for Central Valley High School and at the club level in college for about a year. He is a 2010 graduate of Eastern Washington University.

After graduating, he was ready for adventure.

"I wanted an experience unlike anything I've ever done before," he said. "I am getting that."

Wolff teaches English at a secondary school called Gymnasium 93, where his students are in seventh, eighth and tenth grades.

According the Peace Corps website, the Ukraine began welcoming Peace Corp volunteers in 1992 following the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. Peace Corp volunteers like Wolff teach English and work on projects in youth and community development. Oh, and in this case, they also teach a little baseball — which ties into the



SUBMITTED PHOTOS



The lot where the students play baseball is surrounded by apartments. It is normally used for soccer and for its playground equipment.

Peace Corps mission of promoting sports, health and wellness.

While Wolff said the most prolific sports in Ukraine seem to be soccer and gymnastics, the hunger for baseball began when two of Wolff's eighth graders asked him if he liked baseball and would he teach them to play.

"I love baseball. And I am in their country. I am their guest. I do what people ask me to do here," Wolff said.

So baseball it is.

One of the boys Wolff teaches, Nikita, had a toy souvenir bat about 18 inches long that

he brought to play, and Wolff explained to the boy that it wouldn't work. So they found a flimsy aluminum bat that Wolff is afraid to hit with a real baseball for fear it would break. So far, most of what the Ukrainian kids know of baseball is hitting.

"No one wants to stand in a field to retrieve tennis balls," Wolff said.

Indeed, some of the American pastime's finer intricacies may take some getting used to in order to appreciate.

"I'd say that Ukrainians see baseball as **See BASEBALL, page 9**

SENDING THE GEAR

Peace Corp volunteer and Liberty Lake native Bailey Wolff is currently serving in Zaporozhye, Ukraine, where the game of baseball is attracting attention. Wolff hopes to gather enough gear for a weekly or twice-weekly game with kids from the school where he teaches — and whoever else wants to play.

Interested local residents can make donations through Wolff's parents, Jamie and Jackie Wolff. Call Jamie Wolff (927-9700) or Jackie Wolff (927-9701) to arrange a drop off.

The needs include:

- Bats
- Gloves (mostly right-handed)
- Incrediballs, baseballs and softballs
- Helmets

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- Batting tee
- Catching gear
- Bases
- Baseball hats (especially with American teams on them)

Wolff says adult sizes are best because the age range of most of the kids who play is 11 and older, and these kids can make due with adult-size gear more easily than children's sizes. The Splash JAN. 3, 2013 • 9

NEWS/COVER/BUSINESS

LLSWD resolves to increase sewer rates, launch credit card option

26 applications received to replace retiring Mellish

By Craig Howard

SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

As 2013 dawns, Liberty Lake Sewer and Water District customers will see two major differences to their sewer charges — a rate increase of 8.5 percent and a new option of paying by credit card that will also apply to water bills.

In a marathon meeting of the LLSWD board of commissioners on Dec. 19, both changes won approval with unanimous votes. The rate hike will mean an additional \$2.75 per equivalent residential unit each month, bringing the ERU amount to \$35.

LLSWD General Manager Lee Mellish said rate studies have been part of the district's routine ever since he was hired in 1993. A report from 2010 indicated sewer charges should be increased by 8 percent. Mellish said that the district is looking ahead to a \$13 million upgrade of its treatment plant that will need to be online by March 1, 2018.

"We need to keep up with the cost of operations and future capital projects," Mellish said. "It's important to figure out what rates are going to pay for those expenses."

Single family dwellings comprise one ERU while commercial sites can range from a handful to many dozen. Mellish said that even though the proposed rate increase had been included on the meeting agenda for several months, no public comment was ever part of the discussion.

LLSWD Commissioner Steve Skipworth said the lack of upheaval over the rate change likely had something to do with the district getting the word out about future costs associated with a project like the treatment plant.

"We always look at options of keeping costs down," Skipworth said. "We try to explain the reasons behind a rate increase and let the community know what requirements are upon us and the fact that we're having to step it up a little every year. They may not like the higher rate, but I think they understand."

The credit card option for utility payments will not go into effect for 90 days, Mellish said. Customers should see notice of the application process in the March billing cycle. The district will contract with a company called Invoice Cloud for the service.

"We've had a lot of requests from customers to pay by credit card," Mellish said. "How many will sign up? I really don't know. We'll just have to wait and see how it works."

Commissioner Tom Agnew said the credit card option should cut down on the paper flow and improve general efficiencies. To this point, LLSWD customers could pay by check, cash or through direct withdrawal.

"This is long overdue," Agnew said.

The meeting last month also included a decision to name the Inlet Station af-

ter Frank L. Boyle, who served for more than two decades on the board of commissioners before passing away in late September.

"It's our good fortune that we could do that in Frank's memory," Agnew said. "Now we have a building to remember him by."

The triumvirate of commissioners — Agnew, Skipworth and recently appointed Kottayam Natarajan — will also be addressing the daunting task of finding a new general manager in the early part of 2013. Mellish announced last fall that he would be stepping down in March after 20 years of leading the district.

A total of 26 applications for the general manager's position were received prior to the Dec. 24 deadline. The commissioners have begun reviewing each application and plan to whittle the number down before beginning the public interview process. The district has mentioned Feb. 15 as the date for Mellish's replacement to start.

"I think Liberty Lake is a well-run district due to Lee, and we have a good reputation," Skipworth said. "From what I've seen of the applicants, we might have a few people who fit the bill."

Agnew said he was also encouraged by "a good field of applicants."

"I'm optimistic we'll come up with a good candidate," he said. "I think of it as an opportunity to make a great district even better."

The district approved a lean budget on Dec. 19, with the only significant capital

project for 2013 consisting of a new reservoir on the east side of Liberty Lake. The reservoir, which will be built above the Bella Lago development, comes with a price tag of \$50,000 and is anticipated to be online by spring.

An agenda item entitled, "Assignment of Funds" included details of a unique funding arrangement that addressed proceeds that had accumulated in the district's "looping fund" since the mid-1990s. With only one water line running from the north side of Interstate 90, LLS-WD began charging a \$900 fee for every new north side connection in hopes of raising enough revenue to build an additional line. Over time, the fund grew to approximately \$150,000.

The influx of north end development in recent years — spearheaded by Greenstone's River District — created infrastructure needs in areas like roads and utility service that found support through a funding mechanism known as the Local Infrastructure Financing Tool. When LIFT — which includes a state match for funds raised through property tax — covered the bill for a second water line that has been in operation for well over a year, money from the LLSWD looping fund was suddenly without a destination.

After some of the funds went to purchase easements, the remaining \$140,000 was moved to the LIFT and ultimately matched by the state, resulting in roughly \$280,000 that Mellish said will likely be applied to additional infrastructure improvements on the rapidly developing north side.

BASEBALL

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a complicated game where a lot of people stand around doing nothing," Wolff said.

Wolff said the majority of the young people who know something about baseball, saw it in a movie or online video.

"In America, playing catch is something people do from a young age," he said. "I never realized before trying to throw and catch with these kids how it is actually a skill. For them, every movement is new and awkward."

Needless to say, some genuine baseball gloves might make fielding a bit more fun — not to mention necessary to teach the game correctly.

Teaching the game has been a great challenge for his Ukrainian-to-English com-

munication skills. Wolff said he found a Russian video online that he has used as a teaching aid.

Wolff and another friend also hope to organize some softball for adults, both in his host city and others. The pair has met with future physical education teachers at the university level to explain their vision.

"Our hope is that if we can interest them in the game, then when they go back to their respective schools, they will teach it to their students," Wolff said.

One thing Wolff has learned about Ukrainian youth is they don't know about "real" American culture, and he has likewise learned much more about them as well.

"... They are just like people in America, or perhaps, people everywhere," Wolff said. "They are individuals with beautiful talents, dreams and hopes for themselves."

In Biz

Adhara adds cosmetologist

Charity Benedict recently came on as the newest staff member for Adhara Salon and Spa, 23505 E. Appleway Ave., Suite 105.

A cosmetologist by profession since 1992, Benedict was inspired to become a stylist by her grandfather, Leland, of Leland's on Wall in Spokane, who began teaching her the art of barbering at 6 years old.

Benedict specializes in advanced hair coloring and cutting for men and wom-



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en. She returned to the area from Mason County, where she was voted one of that region's top three stylists for two years running, according to a news release.

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tact The Splash with business news at editor@libertylakesplash.com.

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Tribe warmed up to difficult relocation decision

By Ross Schneidmiller

LIBERTY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

For Holy Week in the spring of 1863, the Coeur d'Alene Tribe gathered at the Cataldo Mission. After the Easter service, Father Joset was compelled to discuss a pressing matter he was not sure would be well received. The United States had been embattled in a civil war for nearly two years. Joset felt the war was turning in favor of the Union, and once the war was over, President Abraham Lincoln would want the entire Northwest settled. Before that would happen, he wanted to encourage the Coeur d'Alenes to claim the best land possible. In his opinion, that was land in the Palouse.

As Joset suspected, the tribe, including its headsmen, did not like what he was saying. They had spent years clearing the land, building their houses, barns and rail fences. This was to be a permanent home for their children for all time. This discussion was especially hard for those who lost their buildings by Colonel Wright's fires. It had been four and a half years since the Indian wars of 1858. They had worked long and hard to rebuild what they had lost. Now they were being told to leave it all behind and move to the Palouse.

Andrew Seltice, a sub-chief at the time, said to Joset, "Unless you give us some very good reasons, we won't even think of leaving our homes after all these years of work. ... Our Creator has blessed those of us in the Spokane Valley with thousands of horses and cattle. We can't find another valley that will furnish year around feed, summer and winter. In the valley, when the ground is covered with snow, all the

The DEVELOPMENT of a COMMUNITY

A series from the Liberty Lake Historical Society, appearing in the first Splash issue of each month in 2013.

JANUARY: Relocation of the Coeur d'Alenes

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DID YOU KNOW?

- The Coeur d'Alenes were often willing to help out the early settlers who struggled in the wilderness due to lack of experience.
- Seltice encouraged the development of building skills during his annual gathering at Liberty Lake. This proved successful as the Coeur d'Alenes built their log homes with great care, honing the skill of building with logs without nails or pegs.
- Settlers preferred the homes and other buildings left behind by the Coeur d'Alenes over their own because of the superiority in craftsmanship.
- Rather than rebuild again, Wildshoe decided to drag his log home 50 miles on skids to its new homesite.
- Seltice and Wildshoe had more than 800 cows and 800 horses apiece.

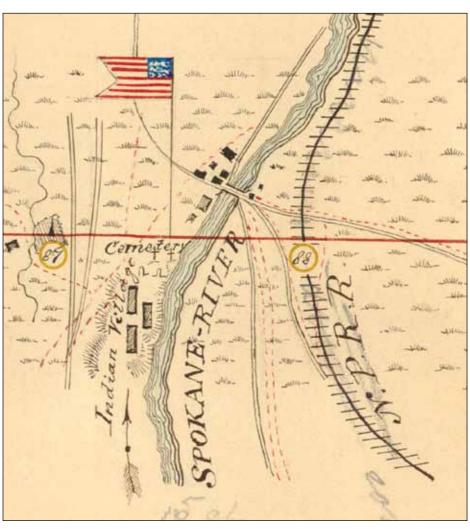
stock have to do is paw the ground two or three times to shove the snow aside. Then the heavy grass jumps up out of the snow, and all the stock feed to their satisfaction. ... We would have to feed our stock all winter in the Palouse. So far, we don't have the equipment to plow up enough land to raise hay for wintertime."

Father Joset tried to explain further, but was cut off by Peter Wildshoe, who said, "... You already explained enough! We are not going to move to a different location."

The priest felt if he would be allowed to explain everything to the Tribe, they would not be upset, but he did not get his chance. The next day, the Coeur d'Alenes left early for their journey home — disturbed with the way Holy Week ended.

During the next year, Joset's words began to resonate with the leadership of the tribe. It became apparent to Seltice and others that the Coeur d'Alene's ways would need to change. Instead of gathering and hunting, they would need to depend upon farming and ranching for their survival. The more progressive members of the tribe looked over the Palouse and saw the benefits of moving. Their concern about plowing enough land was diminished when they saw how good the soil was and how easily it could be cultivated.

The following year, on the Monday after Easter, Joset spoke again. This time he was not alone in advocating for the Palouse. Head Chief Vincent spoke next and said, "... Now I believe what Father



MAP COURTESY OF THE LIBERTY LAKE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This 1874 survey map of Spokane Bridge shows an Indian village just east of the present-day Rockin B Ranch. At the time this map was drawn, the Coeur d'Alenes were in the process of relocating to the Palouse. The railroad location marked out on the map turned out to be inaccurate. The mapmaker guessed at its pathway, as the railway had yet to be built.

Joset was trying to tell us a year ago."

Vincent felt Seltice was better suited for leading the tribe to the Palouse and would soon relinquish his right as Head Chief of the Coeur d'Alenes to Seltice. Joset agreed and said, "... When he (Seltice) moves, you should all follow and imitate him."

The entire tribe had the highest respect for Andrew Seltice. He had gained great wealth from his hard work and had long been generous to all his tribesmen. Seltice, accepting this honor, stood and said: "Many of us are already working the land, improving our machinery and also enlarging our fields. But the soil of the Spokane Valley, Headwaters and Mission Valley can not be compared to the soil of the Palouse, which has no gravel nor rocks at all. ... The valley of the Palouse is broad. It has the finest soil and also the finest timber on the north end. It has plenty of room for all of us."

It would take several years for the relocation to take place. Seltice, Wildshoe and Tecomtee staked their claims near each other by the present sight of Tekoa, Wash. They selected land with creeks that had year-round running water. These Coeur d'Alenes from the Liberty Lake area decided not to move their stock right away. They would let their horses and cattle roam the Spokane Valley until they could raise enough feed for their stock in the Palouse to sustain its harsher winters. Those who ignored Seltice's wisdom to plow enough ground to have plenty of hay and grain lost much of their stock in the harsh winter of 1871. Learning from their losses, they built their barns and sheds next to the plentiful timber where the stock could find protection in harsh conditions. The Coeur d'Alenes had encountered many challenges and changes but were now moving forward under strong tribal leadership.

Ross Schneidmiller is president of the Liberty Lake Historical Society. This is the first article beginning a third year of monthly articles produced by the LLHS. This year's series theme is, "The Development of a Community."

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Bears post wins over quiet holiday break

SPLASH CONTRIBUTOR

Central Valley returned to basketball action Saturday with the last of two nonleague games at home against Richland last weekend and a return to the Greater Spokane League tomorrow.

The boys play at Rogers at 5:30 p.m. followed by the girls. The following Tuesday they host Ferris in key contests.

With many of the sports schedules slowed down for the holiday break, The Splash asked boys coach Rick Sloan how he developed his system and settled on an offense.

"Trial and error," he said. "We have tried many different offensive and defensive packages over the years and now have settled on our motion offense and man defense that you have seen for the past several

Ultimately, he continued, it came down to a guiding principal: "Would I want to play in the system?"

It has worked, lending to four state appearances and three top-four finishes, including two second places. In CV's other second-place finish, back in 1960, his uncle, Larry Sloan, interestingly was a main cog in the team's first state appearance since the 1940s.

The Bears completed the first third of their 18-game Greater Spokane League season Dec. 20 by routing North Central 66-37, running their GSL record to 6-0 and 7-0 overall.

Beau Byus scored 18 points, giving him 75 points in the last four games, an average of nearly 19 points per outing. Austin Rehkow added 13 and Justin Fayant 11.

The girls picked up their first GSL win, 48-22, against North Central. Madison points, while Mariah Cunningham added 13. The Bears are 2-5 overall.

Juggling two sports

Juggling both football and basketball coaching, Sloan said he has had free rein running the football offense.

"Rick G(iampietri) has given me a lot of freedom with our offensive package, but we definitely have worked collaboratively building our offenses over the years," Sloan said. "What we emphasize does depend on the skill-set of our personnel."

Key elements to Central Valley's offense have resulted in considerable success since Giampietri took over in 1993.

"We always build our offense with a strong running game (coupled) with play action," Sloan said. "The drop-back passing package varies from year to year depending upon our quarterback."

He lauded Giampietri's overall command of the sport, saying he can coach any offensive, defensive or special teams position given his years as an assistant.

"G's overall knowledge of the game of football is as impressive as any coach I have been around," Sloan said.

Wrestling, gymnastics return

Greater Spokane League wrestling returns tonight. CV hosts winless Gonzaga Prep in preparation for the heart of its schedule.

The Bears, University, Mead and Mt. Spokane are unbeaten. CV faces the quartet in succession Jan. 16-24, ending with the Battle of the Bone at home against the Titans.

CV gymnasts host a four-way meet on Wednesday.

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JANUARY 4

5:30 p.m. CV Boys Basketball at Rogers

7 p.m. CV Girls Basketball at Rogers

JANUARY 5

CV Wrestling Hall of Fame Duals Tournament at Moses Lake JANUARY 8

5:30 p.m. CV Boys Basketball vs. Ferris p.m. CV Girls Basketball vs. Ferris

JANUARY 9

6 p.m. CV Gymnastics vs. Ferris, Mt. Spokane, Shadle Park 7 p.m. CV Wrestling at Rogers

SEND US YOUR SPORTS! Think your results belong on the scoreboard? Or maybe you have a team photo you'd like to pass along. Either way, The Splash wants submitted information from or about Liberty Lake residents. Email the information to editor@ libertylakesplash.com.

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OPINION/PROFILES

Splash Editorial

1,600 meals thanks to you!

The math goes something like this. Through the Food for Thought program made possible by volunteers and the Spokane Valley Partners food bank, it takes about \$6 to send an entire weekend of food home in a student's backpack. That's six meals, six drinks and six snacks for the weekend, including milk.

A month ago, The Splash asked its readers to add their generosity to the buying power of Spokane Valley Partners and see what shook out of the equation. Well, the answer is in: More than 1,600 meals will be provided through Food for Thought thanks to your donations. That's more than 265 weekends worth of meals for students in the Central Valley School District who were not certain to be getting any food otherwise.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

The following notes were submitted by making a minimum \$12 donation to the Food for Thought program.

Asmall gift so that children will have a little bit more rather than a little bit less.

 ${f B}$ lessings and thanks to all of you who donated your time to make Food for Thought such a success.

May our children's lives be blessed and nourished not only with food but love as well.

 $N^{\text{ever give up on yourself} - I \text{ hope you are always}}_{\text{eager to learn new things.}}$

W Insurance Brokers would like to donate to a very worthy cause. If we could help keep one child from going hungry, we so want to be a part of this program. Hope this donation will help in some way. Lana Myers of NW Insurance Brokers

 T^{\prime} hank you Splash and the Dockreys for supporting this great program. No child in this area should go

And for the growing Food for Thought program, that's enough to cover about a month of food at its current level of service

Great work, Splash readers! And thank you!

We hope you continue to keep this program, and the needy in our community, in mind as we roll into 2013. One way we plan to remind you is through our One Valley Initiative, one thread of which is to keep up with programs like Food for Thought that are helping to meet the needs of those in our community.

You can read more about the One Valley Initiative in the January Current, on newsstands this week and online at www.issuu. com/valleycurrent. Thanks again!

hungry. I pray that by this time next year no child will be hungry.

In keeping with the Kiwanis mission of serving the children of the world, please accept this donation in memory of the 20 first graders and 6 teachers at Sandy Hook.

 $T^{\text{o} \ \text{give and to share is the greatest joy of all.} } \\ - \text{J} \ \text{and} \ \text{L}$

We are all one family in the Father! ..." and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday."— Isaiah 58:10 Merry Christmas!

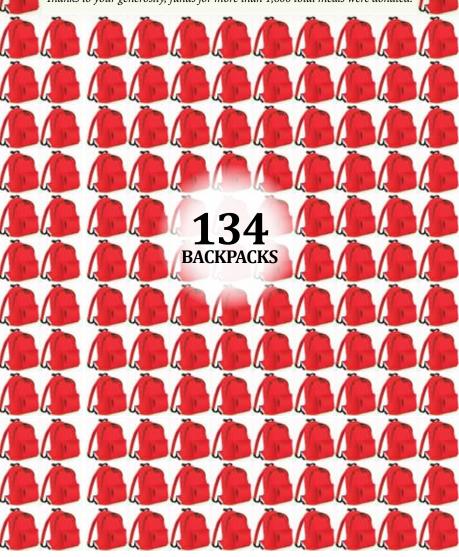
We are making this donation to help the children in our community as a way of honoring the children and educators who lost their lives in the Newton, Conn. tragedy. — The Hansens

We've all been blessed in "told and untold" ways by the grace of others. And the greatest gift is when it can be paid forward." — Washington Trust Sullivan Branch

Tracking the Backpacks

The Food for Thought program uses backpacks to inconspicuously send weekend meals home with participating students. The graphic below shows how many meals were collected for the program by our readers during the month of December.

Each backpack represents two weekends of food (12 meals) for a student in need.
Thanks to your generosity, funds for more than 1,600 total meals were donated!



TOTAL

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Alex Garabedian, the store manager of Total Sports in Liberty Lake, said he appreciates that his job allows him to pass on his knowledge of lacrosse and other sports while helping kids work hard and excel in all their athletic pursuits.

"I want to see the sports grow and the kids have a good time," he said.

Funkhouser said the services being provided include: facility memberships; speed and agility, boot-camps and other fitness classes; individual and group private sports training; camps, clinics and training academies; off-site summer camps and tournaments; select sports teams; indoor batting cages; full-facility team rentals; special event and party rental; fitness testing and nutrition planning; and retail sporting goods.

"We have private training sessions, like if someone wants to learn how to be a better football quarterback or a better soccer goalie, or maybe if they want to learn a new sport like lacrosse," he said. "And our facility is also available for existing teams who need a dry, warm place to train."

He said Total Sports is the perfect facility for party rentals or sports-themed birthday parties, where party-goers can enjoy the batting cages, play dodge ball, take on an obstacle course and end up playing a game of basketball of Nerf football.

Funkhouser explained that Total Sports offers youth (6 to 12 years old), teen (13 to 17) and adult memberships. Youth members are required to have an adult in attendance while they are using the facility. Memberships start out at \$50 for three months for any of the age brackets. He also said that Total Sports offers "drop-in usage," where an individual who is not a member can use the batting cage or shoot some hoops.

"We have a basketball and volleyball court combination, and then we have a turf facility we use for all the grass sports, which are baseball, football, soccer and lacrosse," he said

The facility also includes more than 1,000 square feet of retail sporting goods representing all of the sports offered at Total Sports.

"We are a multi-sport retail store, and the goods we carry are not typically what you might find in your larger box stores," Funkhouser said. "They are higher-end quality, and our staff is very knowledgeable about the retail we carry."

Funkhouser has been in the Sports Management business since he graduated from Washington State University about 25 years ago.

"We ran our own sports and wellness company for about 16 years in Western Washington, and we had an opportunity to grow into Eastern Washington because we have family here," he said. "When STIX Sports closed, that got us interested in the Liberty Lake area."

Another part of his business is their Se-

lect Teams program.

"Select Teams offer tryouts for kids who maybe are in parks and recreation or school programs, but they want to play year-round," Funkhouser said. "And they want to be on Select traveling teams. Let's say you do try-outs for a volleyball team. What I would do is hire them a coach, get them uniforms, they would train at our facility, and then would travel around the state and maybe into Idaho, Oregon and California and play against the best teams."

Funkhouser is very excited to be a part of the Liberty Lake community and the surrounding areas.

"We think there are a lot of very supportive families who want to see their kids mentored in a way that will help them grow into strong leaders," he said. "We believe that participation in competitive sports is a big part of that. We feel the types of products and services we are going to offer the community should improve the quality of life in Liberty Lake."

A 'Frosty' day



Branston Banta, 4, of Post Falls visited his "Boppa" and "Gabby" (Bob and Lois Banta of Liberty Lake) for cookie making and snowman building in December.

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Winter scenes





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Liberty Lake resident Jim Kosterman captured scenes from the season in December, from a fiery sunset silhouetting pine trees to the lake on a crisp and clear winter day,

LOCAL LENS

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Birth announcement



24 to Craig and Michelle Cordill of Liberty Lake. Ellie weighed 9 pounds, 9 ounces and measured 22.5 inches in length. She was also welcomed by grandparents Stanley and Laure Bostrom of Yakima and Nelson and Ronda Cordill of Cheney.

Ellie Marie Cordill was

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State Sen. Mike Padden talks priorities as the Legislature heads back to session.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CITY'S NOISE ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS THAT: The Liberty Lake City Council will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to Ordinance No. 98, relating to public disturbances from noise, defining a public nuisance noise, creating exceptions, providing a penalty, and other matters properly related hereto. The public hearing will be held Tuesday, January 8, 2013, during the regular City Council meeting beginning at 7pm at the Liberty Lake City Hall Council Chambers. 22710 E. Country Vista Drive, Liberty Lake, WA. Individuals planning to attend the meeting, who require special assistance to accommodate physical, hearing, or other impairments, please contact the City Clerk at (509) 755-6729 with a minimum 48-hour advanced notice so that arrangements may be made. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

Kids Tell it Like it is

Compiled by Tammy Kimberley at Liberty Lake Elementary School

What is your favorite thing to do when it snows?



"Make an igloo with snow and boxes.'

Jennifer Valencia, 7, second grade



"Have a snowball fight with my neighbor, Jason."

Kole LeGrant, 7, first grade



"Throw snowballs at my brother and sister."

Mackenzie Reck, 8, second grade

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"Go sledding in my driveway."

Brayden Gilbertson, 6, first grade

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"Get on a snowmobile and do jumps."

Leo Knight, 6, first grade



"Build a snowman." Kaelynn Harrington, 7, first grade

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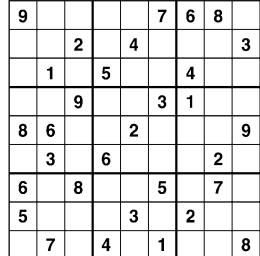
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Weekly **SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle



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Ann Swenson, CMC, City Clerk

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Coming soon to the Lake PORTAL

EXECUTIVE SUITES

Executive Suites Designed to Foster and Facilitate Business Growth

For an entrepreneur or independent consultant, finding a small office, close to home, with all the service and convenience of a professional office building can be near impossible.

However, under construction at the Liberty Lake Portal you will find an entire wing of executive suites. With utilities, janitorial, and 24 hour security included, these suites will prove the ideal solution for that independent business operator who can work anywhere.

The Liberty Lake Portal was originally constructed with about one third the current footprint and initially, most of the top floor was occupied by one of Liberty Lake's many dentists. In the past decade, two major additions have occured, including the installation of significantly advanced technical infrastructure. The transformation of the Portal attracts tenants who require reliable high speed internet along with data security and redundancy.

When the upstairs dentist chose to construct his own office, building owner Bernard Daines decided to remodel the dentist office, creating space that would best meet the needs of the surrounding community.

"We're meeting the market demand," leasing manager Steven Daines explained. "Consultants, counselors, and other small business operators in the valley do not want to drive downtown when they could ride their bike or golf cart over to the Liberty Lake Portal."

Rhett Barney, an independent intellectual property attorney, cannot wait to move into his suite which will be available in January. "I would move in today if I could," Rhett remarked. After evaluating various office space over the last several months, he chose the executive suites for three reasons, the price, the convenience, and the professionalism.

He likes the idea that he can rent a small office, but have access to amenities that usually only exist in a larger, more expensive space. "That shared

conference room is brilliant," Rhett stated. "Most of my client interactions occur via Skype, phone, or e-mail, but when I do have to meet with a client, I will have a spacious, furnished, professional space to use."

Daines is confident that the numerous amenities will make it easier and more cost effective for executive suite tenants to do business. "In addition to



With construction moving rapidly, the Executive Suites will be ready for occupancy in late January or early February 2013.

the conference room, we have a break room, restroom and copy center within the executive wing, and reserved exclusively for tenants of our 11 executive suites," Daines pointed out. And the shower is right next to the executive wing, adding convenience for those who jog to work or ride their bike.

Often small business operators prefer to work close to home, but not so close that the telephone, the kids, the kitchen, and the doorbell can cause distractions. Rhett agrees that being five minutes from home appeals to him. "It's just extremely convenient," he said. Having recently worked in Coeur d'Alene, he considers the savings of time

and fuel as a bonus.

Each suite is accessible to those who find stairs a challenge and three of the 11 suites are large enough to accommodate two individuals. If you are looking for the ideal space from which to grow your business, you might want to reserve one of these suites before they're all taken.

